

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU GO ESTIMATE

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## H.R. 2873 Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001

As cleared by the Congress on December 13, 2001

H.R. 2873 would extend the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program through fiscal year 2006. PSSF expired at the end of fiscal year 2001. H. R. 2873 would extend PSSF grants through 2006 at \$305 million annually. These grants are considered entitlement to states, and are available for services that provide community-based family support, family reunification, and adoption promotion. Relative to current law, extending this program would cost \$305 million each year. However, the costs of extending PSSF and other large entitlement programs are assumed in CBO's estimates of baseline spending according to the rules established by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act. Consequently, enacting H.R. 2873 would have no effect on direct spending relative to the baseline. Because that spending is already included in baseline projections, no additional cost would be recorded for pay-as-you-go purposes.

This estimate was prepared by Christina Hawley Sadoti. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.